



Journey into the past

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### Locations of venues to visit with this itinerary

- 1 BALLYWALTER PARK HOUSE
- 2 TEMPLE OF THE WINDS
- 3 MOUNT STEWART HOUSE
- 4 CLANDEBOYE ESTATE
- 5 BLACKWOOD GOLF COURSE/SHANKS RESTAURANT
- 6 HELEN'S BAY GOLF CLUB
- 7 THE OLD INN
- 8 ULSTER FOLK & TRANSPORT MUSEUM
- 9 BELFAST CITY AIRPORT
- 10 ULSTER TITANIC SOCIETY
- 11 CROWN LIQUOR SALOON

## Journey into the past

This tour is the complete antidote to the stresses of modern living, with a short weekend break a hundred years away from the strains of modern life – a time when we didn't have commuters, computers and deadlines.

## day one

### 17:00hrs

Arrive at Belfast City Airport and wave goodbye to the modern world as you climb into the back seat of a vintage saloon car and begin your journey back in time.

### 17:30hrs

Arrive at the Crown Liquor Saloon whose ornate tiled Victorian exterior and delightful gas lit interior make it one of the National Trust's greatest treasures. Upon arrival you will be whisked into an intimate snug (booth) for a bit of the local craic!

### 18:30hrs

Depart by vintage saloon to The Old Inn, Crawfordsburn. As one of Ireland's oldest hostelries, The Old Inn has played host to many notable visitors, both famous and infamous. Peter the Great - Tsar of Russia, highwayman Dick Turpin and the former US President George Bush are among the many travellers who have lodged and dined under its thatched roof.

### 19:30hrs

Enjoy an informal dinner in the traditional surroundings of The Old Inn, Crawfordsburn where locals will sprinkle the evening with spontaneous songs and storytelling.



## day two

### 09:30hrs

Depart The Old Inn, Crawfordsburn by vintage bus to the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum which recaptures a disappearing way of life, preserving traditional skills and celebrating transport history.

### 10:00hrs

Arrive at Cultra Manor for the transfer by horse drawn carriages to the Folk Museum. The Folk Museum offers opportunities to experience at first hand a real taste of life in the early 1900s. Costumed visitor guides, working buildings and traditional activities tell the story of how people lived and worked 100 years ago. Enjoy a morning of traditional 1900's activities including:

- Forge Work
- Weaving
- Basket Making
- Spinning
- Bread Making
- Printing

### 12:00hrs

Enjoy a traditional lunch in a farmhouse kitchen with traditional Northern Irish fayre - vegetable broth, Irish stew, home made soda bread and Bramley apple pie with fresh dairy cream.

### 13.30hrs

Transfer by horse and carriage to the museum's 1900s Ballycultra Town for an afternoon of activities. Travel back in time taking a walk to the old school house, carrying your lump of turf for the fire. Then learn the 3 Rs – reading, writing and arithmetic - as they were taught by rote. After leaving school you will be drawn into a meeting at the local bank or McCusker's Pub to discuss raising money to build a new ship for the White Star Line – builders of the Titanic. A member of the Ulster Titanic Society will be present to give you an insight into the building of the famous ship.

### 16:30hrs

Return to The Old Inn, Crawfordsburn by vintage bus.

### 18:00hrs

Depart by vintage saloon for dinner at Mount Stewart House (Elegant early-20th century dress will be provided) – one of the jewels of the National Trust and home for many years to the Marquess of Londonderry and his wife Lady Edith.

### 19:30hrs

Arrive at the neo-classical house and celebrated gardens of the National Trust-owned Mount Stewart House. The famous gardens at Mount Stewart were planted in the 1920s and have been nominated as a World Heritage Site. Enjoy a house tour, which includes world-famous paintings and stories about the prominent political figures to which the owners, the Londonderry family, played host.

### 20:00hrs

Move on to the gardens for a gentle stroll before a short carriage ride through the estate to the Temple of the Winds. With dramatic views over Strangford Lough, the Temple of the Winds is the perfect setting for a champagne reception to the accompaniment of some delicate harp music, before moving on to the grand front entrance of Mount Stewart House where you will dine in the majestic Black and White Hall.

### 23:00hrs

Return to The Old Inn, Crawfordsburn by vintage saloon.

## day three

### 07:30hrs

You will be woken by the morning post (outlining the day's activities) arriving on a silver tray accompanied by traditional Northern Irish breakfast tea.

### 08:00hrs

Assemble for a gourmet Northern Irish breakfast – home made toast with local free-range scrambled eggs and the finest County Antrim smoked salmon.

### 09:00hrs

Depart The Old Inn, Crawfordsburn, in an open top vintage car to Clondeboye Estate. Clondeboye is currently home to the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava.

If golf is your thing, you are simply spoiled for choice with no less than three spectacular golf clubs within the estate - Clondeboye Golf Club, the Helen's Bay Golf Club and the Blackwood Golf Centre. If you are feeling more energetic Land Rover Experience can introduce you to the exciting world of off-road driving on varied terrains – tailor-made to your precise requirements.



### 12:00hrs

Enjoy lunch in the contemporary setting of Shanks restaurant. Home to celebrity chef, Robbie Millar, Shanks exemplifies new Irish cuisine – utilising the best in traditional Northern Irish produce – one of only five Michelin starred restaurants in the whole of Ireland!

### 14:00hrs

Depart Shanks by open top vintage car for a scenic drive to Ballywalter Park House for traditional afternoon tea served in the conservatory. Ballywalter Park House is home to Lord Dunleath and the 150 year old building is one of the finest stately homes in Northern Ireland. Spend a restful afternoon strolling around the lake and extensive grounds, relax with a newspaper to catch up on the happenings in the real world or have a friendly game of billiards before departing for the airport.

